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# **EDITOR'S NOTE**

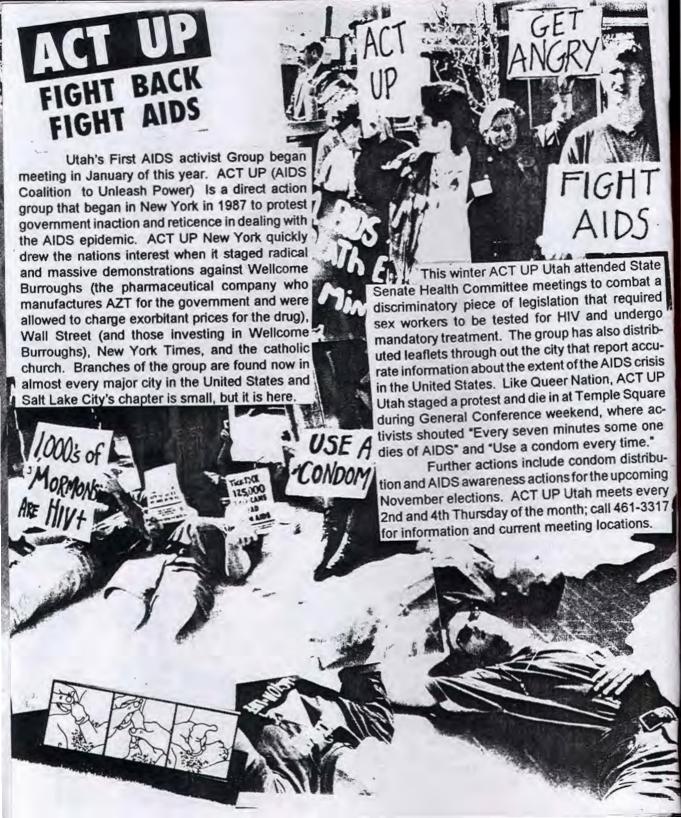
This friends, neighbors, and fellow queers is the one year anniversary of the birth of Queer Fuckers Magazine. When Devin and I staved up all night, with only a break to attend a rather interesting hot tub party, slaving over a hot xerox machine at my Dad's office, one year ago I never thought our little zine would become as personal and important to me as it now is. Many of you out there, especially in Utah, hate it. You think we are subversive, radical, disgusting, tasteless, obscene and contrary to your boring assimilationist approach to gay politics, and culture. I hope we never fail to groos you out. On the other hand many of you out there realize that our Queer community has many voices to celebrate, that radicalism is an important facet of the culture and movement (without us the Gay and Lesbian Democrats, or god forbid, the Court might be considered radicals) and that Queer Fuckers Magazine is not intended to represent all Queers or even be read by people outside our "community." I hope we never fail to delight and entertain you.

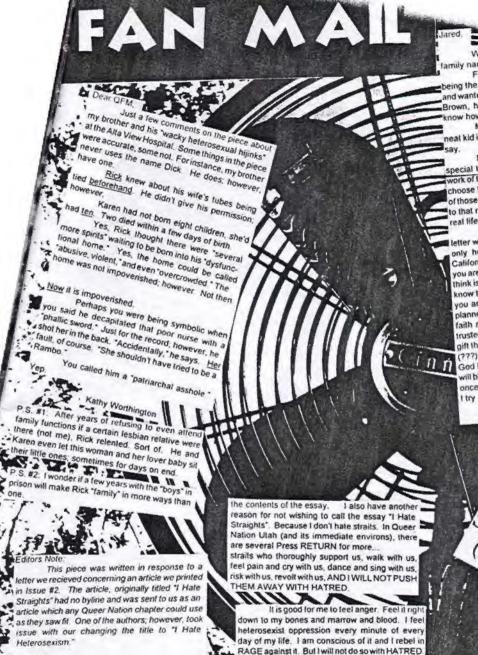
This issue, #4 in a hopefully continuing series, is being released for pubic consumption on Utah's Lesbian and Gay Pride Day 1992. This year's theme is Pride=Power. I truly hope that some of you out there will take this theme, and make it part of your life. Too many of you out there think that pride is a thing you reluctantly drag out of the moth balls once a year, take to a park in the relative safety of the thousand or so others there, and immediately shut up in a hiding place for another year after the party is over.

Wake up! Pride is something for every day of the year. Power, Queer Power, Gay Power, Lesbian Power, Dyke Power, Fag Power; whichever you prefer, or want, is ours through pride and constant diligence. So buy that T-shirt and wear it once or twice a month, and mean it. It's really not that hard, in fact it's quite exciting.

So enjoy or be infuriated, as you wish, by the ensuing pages. Hell, write me and tell me what an asshole you think I am if you hate it and send money for a subscription if you like it! But at least read the damn thing.







When we begin to hate indiscriminately, then they have won. Just entering that hateful race, we lose As we can all testify (our bodies bear the scars and inscriptions), hatred objectifies and dehumanizes, and when people have become objectified and dehumanized, they have thus become easier tar-

gets for physical violence. That's the first tactic of war - declare your foe less than human, or nonhuman altogether, because that makes it easier to beat, maim, kill. AND THAT I WILL NOT DO.

reject war, violence, hatred

What have you done lately to no-

family name? For several years you did a good job at being the young man that everyone looked up to. and wanted their sons to grow-up and be like Jared Brown, how many people would be shocked to know how you have changed

Many people ask me still about what that neat kid is doing and its sometimes hard for me to

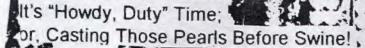
its to bad that you have chosen to use your special talent of English and writing to write the work of the devil. You are so talented and yet you choose to waste it on such filth. You are not one of those people, and I hope someday you will come to that realization and quit running away from the

I guess I should warn you that some of this letter will be up beat and some of it will not be. only hope that you will know that this trip to California was a big mistake in your life and that you are too great and special for the kind of life you think is so great. It is the work of the devil and you know that within yourself, because you know that you are a Child of God and He has great things planned for you if you would only develop your faith and love for the Lord, and Jesus Christ just trusted me in the matter because you have a great gift that most of those people who are your friends (???) do not have, and that is the Priesthood of God because you know if you stay true the Lord will bless you. I had to learn this in my early life and once I did I could not turn away from it that is why I try and stay close to God

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letter we recieved concerning an article we printed in Issue #2. The article, originally titled "I Hate Straights" had no byline and was sent to us as an article which any Queer Nation chapter could use as they saw fit. One of the authors, however, took issue with our changing the title to "I Hate Helerosexism."

I was one of those who voted to change the name of this essay from "I Hate Straights" to "I Hate Heterosexism". I felt good about this because of several reasons, one being that the essay is a list of grievances brought on by heterosexism - it is NOT an essay listing the reasons to hate straits. The original title did not fit



When I was in Assimilation - whoops! I mean; Affirmation - I once heard a Gay man say that he didn't come out of the closet to people because he." didn't like "casting his pearls before swine".

I disagreed with him then (I was even radical as an i.e. assimilationist) and I still disagree with him now.

The way I figure it, each pearl is a tiny, magic bea that turns (patriarchal, heterosexist, capitalist) pig into stunning beings of love and enlightenment So come on Girls - get out those pearls and star casting them before all the swine you see! Societa transformation is just a pearl necklace away Besides, if Barbara Bush can get away with pearls

# The Rock of Your Salvation

I am on a moving train. The train is in France. I am a fifteen year old white male from the to be exact. It is seven thirty in the morning, I am sitting next to the window, watching the trees and towns go by. I have left the small French village of Gargliesse and I am going back to Paris on the train. There is an older man staring at me. He is a homosexual, 1 know. Because I am too. But I idon't use that word. I don't use any such word. I

know the word but I don't use it. I am on the train because I just killed my grandmother. I killed her because I am a homosexual. No one must know. So I don't use that word. God hates me because I am that word. That word is become my flesh.

My first two weeks in France are terrible. From Syracuse to Paris is a shock. I dislike Paris. Most of Parls. I like the parks, and the trains. I am fifteen and this is my first time riding on trains. I have run away from Utah. And from my mother. She hates me. I have plenty of money because my father is rich, but he hates me. So he doesn't care what I do with his money. Just keep him away from me, he says. So I am in France. My mother owns me because she has less money than my father. She lost the battle. So I am in France. To get away from the Mormons and the Americans and my family. My mother and my father know I am a homosexual. They do NOT use that word. They do NOT use any word. And I like the Pigale district of Paris. It scares me too. I am in La Pigale at three in the morning with Jean-Pierre and Stephanie. I am staying with them in Paris.

They are in their twenties. They are married. To each other. I am fifteen. We are in La Pigale. I place a franc into the slot of the klosk out on the sidewalk. The television screen lights up. it shows me what is going on inside the sex partor. We are outside the sex parlor. I am watching what is going on inside the sex perfor through a television screen. Three men and a woman are having sex. I have never seen sex before. I am from Syracuse, Utah. Everyone in Syracuse is related to each other. The gene pool is very, very tiny. My mother marries an outsider. He is Irish-Catholic. He is not a Hansen,

Beazer, Thurgood, or Smedley. Mormon. I am able to escape from Syracuse United States of America. From Syracuse, Utah, because only half my genes come from Syracuse. The other half comes from a large, rambunctious gene pool in San Luis Obispo, California. I am a Mormon because my first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth cousins in Syracuse, Utah are all Mormons. Watching the three men have sex with the woman is interesting. It is fun. I like to see the three men touch and kiss each other. When they touch and kiss the woman I am bored. Not disgusted. Just bored.

in public, anybody can!

I am outside the castle near Gargilesse. George Sands was born in Gargillesse, Gargillesse is in the center of France. The house where George Sands was born is a museum. I am with Daniel. He is the cousin of Jean-Pierre who lives in Paris. I am with Sylvie. She is Daniel's girffriend. We are on bicycles. Daniel is beautiful. The castle near Gargilesse is beautiful. The castle near Gargilesse is very old. It is older than any building I can remember ever seeing. I have seen the ruins at Mess Verde. They are older than the castle near Gargilesse. But I don't REMEMBER the ruins at Mesa Verde. I know I have seen them because I have photos of me there. But I do not remember being there. I am lealous of Sylvie because she kisses Daniel, Daniel is beautiful. rant him to touch and kiss me like the three men at the sex shop in La Pigale, I desire him. But I am ugly and he is beautiful. He is seventeen. I am ifteen. We climb around the castle ruins. We are not on our bicycles. Where/when/who am I? I can simost forget. I want to be the jester in the court of this ancient castle. I am a jester. I am.

am on the train. I am crying. I am going back to the airport in Paris. I am going back to the tiny, tiny gene pool. I am going back to Syracuse to attend my grandmother's burial, which I will miss by five hours. I will save roses from the funeral that will be too late to attend. I will dry the roses and keep them forever. My grandmother loves me, She is the only one who loves me and I killed her tate last night. NO ONE must love me. I am crowded and hot and I stare out the window. I am 32 scared. I am on a train to Paris and I am alone. I am always alone. The French countryside is

We are cycling back to Gargilesse from the castle. It is a beautiful July morning. Sylvie and Daniel are ahead of me. I am pedalling my bicycle slowly because this day is beautiful and this country is beautiful and I can almost forget that unly homosexual from Syracuse. At a cross-

roads, a girl is bent over her bicycle, trying to put the chain back on, but she can't because her fingernails are too long and she's trying to keep her dress out of the grease. She is very beautiful, I am kind. I stop to help her out. She says nothing to me until I am done. Then the French words leave her mouth and I gasp. Her voice is not a woman's. SHE is not a woman. In the land of Simone de Beauvoir, she is a man dressed up as a woman. I have heard of people like her. I stare at her. I am looking in a mirror and I am frightened by what I see. She is an orange plucked from the same tree as me. As fast as I can, I pedal away from her/him. I do not look back.

It is a cool July night in Gargilesse. I am lying in bed with Daniel. We share a bed. We are In an ancient house. Daniel's family have lived in this house for over 400 years. The mortar of the house is so old that it disintegrates when I rub it with my finger. I am lying in bed with Daniel. Daniel is beautiful. He is asteep in his pajama

bottoms. I can hear his breath so

light and full. He is dreaming. I am dreaming of him. He is not dreaming of me. He is seventeen. His body is sinewy and slender and strong. I desire him. I am overwhelmed by the idea of sex and I am half asleep. I want to die, I ache for him. Just reach out. Reach across these old French sheets and touch him. I cannot stop this. I am not inside my body. I am outside my body. Watching my hand go across the bed to sleeping beauty. I watch my hand oull back the sheet a bit. I watch my finger hook into his pajama bottoms. He stirs. I freeze. I desire him. He is beautiful. I am a homosexual We are in bed together. I am outside my body watching my finger hooked into his pajama bottoms. I want to touch him, caress him. I want him me - Qu'est-ce que tu fait? I am half asleep and then I am fully awake as I translate those words into the version of English which I learned in the tiny, tiny gene pool of Syracuse. What are you doing? he calls. I am back inside my body. I am not watching myself. I am myself. I am a homosexual. I yank my hand back to my side of the bed. It is too late. He knows. And

he is yelling. And he won't stop. He yells and will not stop. He awakens his grandmother. I am humiliated, as she makes her descent, I am ashamed. I am a homosexual.

The phone rings. Daniel's grandmother quietly answers, as though her house is a funeral parlor. She speaks to the operator then calls my name. It is for me. I have been in France for three months and this phone call is for me. It is my first.

I am almost unable to soeak. I have not slept all night. I have been awake crying all night long. I cry because of what I do to Daniel when he wears pajama bottoms in our bed. I answer the phone in French, it is my mother. She does not speak French. She does not respond to me in French. Huh? Rocky? is all I hear her say. It is my mother. She is in Syracuse. I am in Garoilesse. We can soeak to each other even though we are hundreds and hundreds of miles away from each other. She speaks to me. It is bad news, she says. The instant I hear that it is bad news, I know. I don't know how know, but I just do. Sometimes I know like that, And this time, I know. She doesn't

even need to tell me, because I already know.

I am in bed. Daniel is upstairs with his grandmother. She is on the phone with Daniel's mother. It is after midnight and his grandmother is on the phone. She is telling Daniel's mother what I have done. I am ashamed and scared. I am a homosexual. Daniel's mother, Denise, arrives an hour later. She is angry. She will not talk to me. No one talks to me. They talk about me. I can hear them. They know that I can hear them. They know that I speak French and that I can hear them. They do not talk to me. Just about me. They call me the uoly names that are written on bathroom stalls in France and which no one will translate for me. I am alone in bed. I do not sleep. I stay awake all night crying, I am a homosexual, I am sick, I am a criminal. Actually, I am not a criminal in France but don't know that. I am a criminal in the tiny, tiny gene pool of Syracuse. Utah where first cousins many each other and have simple-minded children. So I think I am a criminal in France. They treat me like I am a criminal, so I believe it.

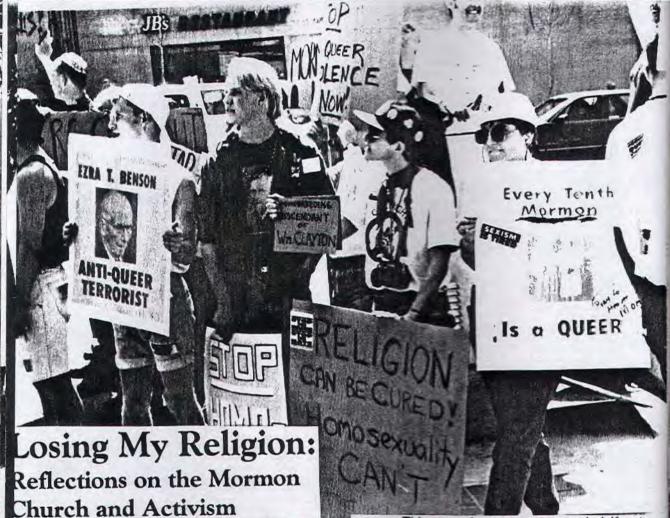
I am on the phone. I am talking to my mother across the Atlantic Ocean and across two thirds of the United States of America. It is 1977 and I am fifteen years old. I know what the bad news is before my mother tells me. I don't know how I know, but I do. My grandmother loves me. She is the only one who loves me.

I am on the train. I want to cry. I want the elderly man who is staring at me to stop. He is a homosexual. I know, because I am too. I am going back to Paris. I am going back to Syracuse. I am a criminal. I am sick. Daniel is beautiful. Daniel is not sick. Daniel is not a homosexual. Daniel says he is not a homosexual. No, he is not evil like I am.

My mother speaks the words over the telephone. My grandmother is dead. She died last night in Syracuse. Just before midnight, French time. I didn't even know she was ill. She is dead. She died just before midnight. Just when I had my finger hooked inside Daniel's pajama bottoms. She is dead. God hates me.

Everyone hates me. Except for my grandmother. My grandmother loves me. But NO ONE must love me. I am a homosexual. She must die because no one must love me. God decrees her death because I am a homosexual. She dies because I hook fingers into Daniel's pajama bottoms. The one person who loves me must die because I desire Daniel. Because I am a homo-

An Automythobiography by Rocky O'Donovan, December 17, 1991



It has been two days since the second Queer Nation action at Temple Square and I am rife with disappointment. Disappointment not with Queer Nation, or the individuals who participated; they are among the bravest and most responsible people I know. My admiration for those who participated is almost endless. My disappointment is with the community. Where were you?

Last years demonstration was attended by about 40-50 locals over the course of the two sessions. That participation came completely from word of mouth since no official advance publicity or major recruitment for the action was done. Without any knowledge of even the focus or reasons for the protesting the action was attended by more people that I would have expected.

This year; however, a concerted if not complete effort was made to let as many people know about the action as possible and to explain to those people why the action was taking place. Over the month prior to the action groups ranging from the Lesbian Task Force of NOW, Utah Activists Network, Youth Group, and LGSU were visited and invited to participate. On the two weekends prior to the action over 700 fliers announcing the action were placed on cars at Gay and Lesbian Bars. Most significantly the night before, a brochure which explained in detail the 8 major reasons for participating (see reprint) in the action and an assurance of non-violence was distributed to over 500 people.

The only group that responded was the Utah Gay and Lesbian Youth. A small but enthusiastic group of participants came as a result of the publicity done at Youth Group. For these young people, many still in High School, most still struggling with their gay and lesbian identities, the courage and the commitment they demonstrated was light years from even the hardcore Queer Nationalists who have been in more than one demonstration.

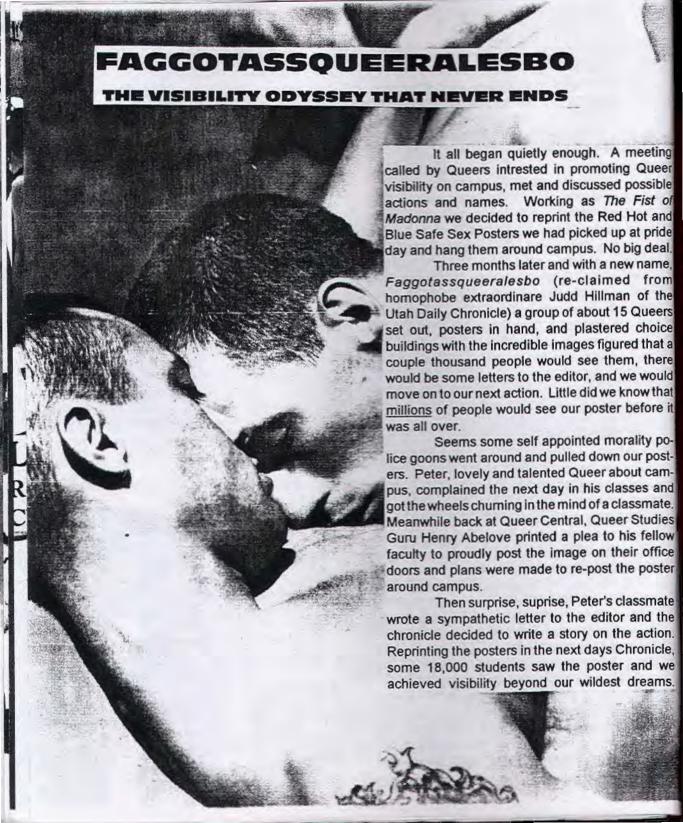
I guess the rest of the community doesn't see the oppression that is daily espoused by the Latter Day Saints Church, as having a significant impact on their lives. Perhaps, they think being gay is only sucking on an occasional cock or shaking their butts on the dance floor of a bar in some secluded industrial neighborhood. Or perhaps, like Kevin Hillman (who commented in a trashy slaughter piece by Travis Rigby in the Utah Daily Chronicle) they think that by pretending that all gay people are just nice doctors, lawyers, and postal workers that the straight world is going to suddenly rise up after centuries of oppression and say "oh golly gee we made a mistake -here we'll let you be who you are." I just don't understand why people didn't come.

WAKE UP LESBIAN AND GAY UTAHNS!!! There has not been one substantive victory won by any civil rights or liberation movement (including the establishment of the US) that wasn't achieved through direct action by the dissatisfied and oppressed rising from victimized complacency and saying THIS IS A BUNCH OF SHIT AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE IT ANYMORE! Do you think that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed because African Americans were nice little black girls and boys, or even more absurdly, showed white America that they were not threatening because they had a few doctors and lawyers in their community. GET REAL! Do you think women got the vote by remaining silent and quietly slipping their husbands, fathers, and brothers little notes asking nicely if they could please have their rights. Do you think that slavery ended because the nice white folks felt compassion and love for their poor oppressed slaves. These and every other achievement in civil rights came about

from people marching in the streets, sitting down where they weren't allowed and more dramatically (and sadly) by a bloody and frightening civil and revolutionary war. The few concessions that have been made to Gays and Lesbian have been direct results of a bunch of enraged drag gueens (hows that for a stereotypical group of gueens. Kevin) actively seizing their own power and telling the police that they would not be victims of their oppressive bullshit anymore. The Gay Liberation movement -complete with it's powerful direct action techniques of the early 70's resulted in many legal and legislative gains for Gays and Lesbians in some states. These gains only happened because the Lesbians and Gays of that early movement took personal responsibility to see that an end to Lesbian and Gay oppression would come; and that they would participate in direct action, not just pat people on the back who did, and say thanks.

Salt Lake needs to wake up and smell the oppression. Get with the program kids. You are only a victim of this shit when you sit back and allow it to exist. IF YOU ARE NOT PART OF THE SOLUTION —YOU ARE PART OF THE PROBLEM.





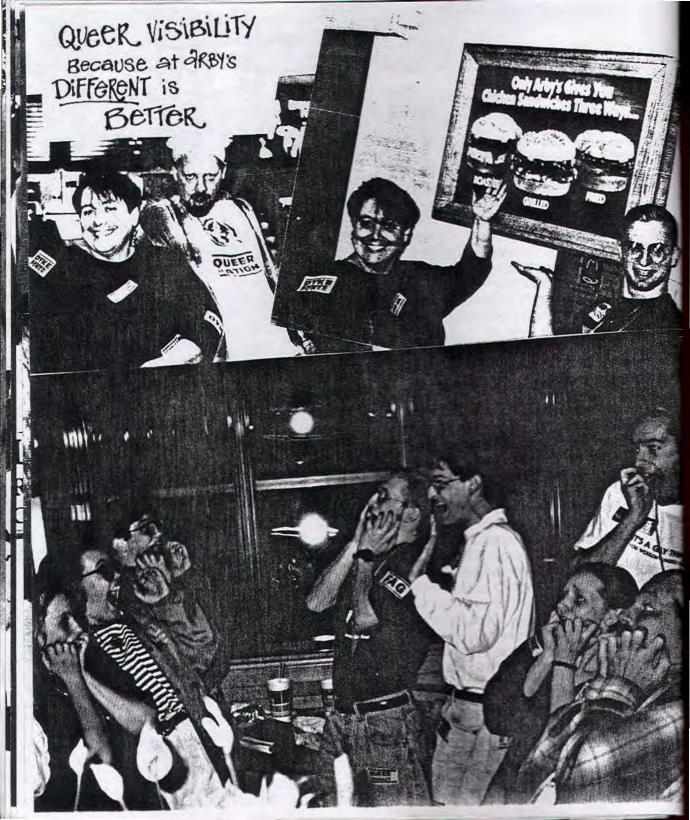
While the usual campus editorial page bantering began, including the formation of the absurd S.M.A.R.T.S. (Straight Married Abstinent Responsible Teachers and Students.) The Salt Lake Tribune decided to write an article which in turn spurned KUTV into covering the story on the evening news. Geek without a cause Rod Decker, in his usual sensationalist manner, delicately uncovered the controversial image on the tube and another 300,000 people saw the poster. C.N.N. not to be outdone by some local yokal station did it's own blurb and the poster was beamed into Millions of unsuspecting homes.

We couldn't have asked for more if we had planned it ourselves.

But Rod Decker reared his news sniffing snout again and decided his Schlock-news-TV talk show, Take Two, would be oh so fun if he could get Faggotassqueeralesbo and SMARTS to face off over the poster on TV. Being the unashamed media whores we are, Scott and Myself found ourselves sitting on the set with possibly the worlds two most hideous, pustulant morons (they looked more suited to do a diarrhea/constipation ad) and the poster was shown on the screen about 12 more times. Even my Momo father said that we "won" the discussion and the SMARTS came off more like dunces.

This all demonstrates how a minor incident, blown out of all proportion by right wing assholes (shades of KTKK here), can become a huge visibility action. So all you morality squad fuck faces from hell out there—thanks!







### Sex on Wheels: or how I learned to go..go..go..go..uta

When people hear that I was twelve years old when I came out and started cruising for man sex, most stare at me in utter amazement. When they hear I sucked cock on the good old UTA they frankly don't believe me.

Being under 16 (though not in appearance) meant, that to reach my cruising I had to ask my parents for a ride, hitch hike, or ride the bus. I couldn't very well ask my Dad to take me into town so that his young, perfect, Mormon deacon/teacher man-boy-son could suck some cock. Hitch hiking was also out since, though I'd happily fuck just about any guy around, I could never break a nasty social rule/law like hitch hiking or taking a ride from strangers. So of course I rode the bus.

Route 36 was the line that would pick me up from my sheltered white, momo, suburban West Valley neighborhood and whisk me away to an afternoon of debauchery and sin. My mother, thinking I was simply mowing my grandparents lawns for extra spending money would wave goodbye as I headed for the bus stop two or three times a week. I would jump onto #36, which came every 30 minutes, and be on my way.

Now generally, after spending a couple of hours working on my grandparents yard, I would jump on the #4 Fort Douglas bus and head for the downtown sex playground I had come to love. I would go to the Magazine Shop, hang around either the paperback racks just outside the porno section, or look at the architecture, art, and interior design magazine. Both sections seemed to be quite easy to cruise and I rarely spent more than 15 minutes in the shop. Men, who like myself wanted to spend their afternoons (or lunch breaks) getting off were always to be had. Rarely did I ever go home unsatisfied.

One tragic afternoon the place was a ghost town. Only 3 cruisers were anywhere to be seen. One, a middle aged man with sandy brown hair and glasses was interested, but we had already fucked about 2 months before and he was a lousy lay [not to mention he wore garments...a major turn off.) So he was out. The other two were not-to-be-considered. One named Scott was a mealy, weazly looking Asian guy with a paunch and a bad habit of latching onto unsuspecting young queerboys like myself with offers of free

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theater tickets to 2nd rate MoMo musicals at the Promised Valley Playhouse. The other was a man who I only know looked like a major threat to my well being and safety, he had the strait-asshole-out-to-find-a-cocksucker-to-bash look. I left, better no dick than bad dick.

So disappointedly, I boarded the next out bound #36 for home. The bus was nearly empty with only some enormous house dress bedecked suburbanites crammed into the front seats. I headed for the mercifully deserted seats over the rear wheels, a spot I enjoyed for some reason I still don't understand.

Two blocks later the bus stopped and a reasonably attractive man in his 20's got on. He deposited his coins and came ambling towards the back. So much for my solitude, "Well, at least he would be interesting to look at." I thought to myself.

Well, this was getting very interesting, I looked him straight in the eyes for a moment longer than any homo-panicked-strait-boy would do and then looked at his crotch.

Much to my delight he was wearing very short running shorts and his hand was perched just above his crotch. He moved his legs apart to meet my gaze and pushed his cock down. The shorts were rather loose fitting around the legs and his cock was now peering out at me from the opening, an invitation I was not about to refuse. But what were we going to do about it here on the bus?

We continued to look at each other and when the tension was enough to make me burst he got up and went to the back seat of the bus. He sat

down and looked at me and tilted his head indicating for me to join him.

Now I was pretty carefree and adventurous in these days when it came to sex. I had sucked cock everywhere, from the stairwells of the old J.C. Penny parking terrace to the bushes of Memory Grove, but this was a bus. There were people actually sitting on it with us and I could see them. I was also about as horny as I had ever been in my short 14 years. Propriety...sex...middle class values...a delicious looking cock...Oh God, what was I going to do.

Eventually my desire to sample the mans wares won over and I was next to him on the back seat in a flash. He scooted over next to the window and I slid over so that both of us were behind the seat backs in front of us. He almost immediately reached over and grabbed my cock through my pants and I was in heaven.

Somehow, I'm still not sure exactly how we managed it, we actually gave each other head. Getting caught was not a worry since we had already observed the bus driver, obviously a fellow traveller, watching us with a knowing grin on his face.

When we came, in a moment of tastelessness rarely surpassed in the history of cocksucking, we blew our wads onto the floor. What the next passengers who sat there must have thought...?

The bus reached my stop not too long after the climax of the trip, and as I departed the bus, the driver, fighting back laughter told me to have a nice day. I simply told him, as though he didn't already know that "I already did" and dashed, satisfied and satiated, home.



Spewing the Spew on Spew II

From the relative calm of Salt Lake's alternative Queer scene (if you can really call an occasional film, intermittent performance art presentations, and if your really lucky, a tape of some obscure queer band a "scene") a few of us Queer Fuckers descended upon L.A. leap year weekend for SPEW II. SPEW II, organized by Dennis Cooper and several L.A. area 'zine editors, was a convergence of 'zine editors, alternative performers and every Queer with a stray body piercing in the Western United States.

The debauchery began Friday night at the formerly fabulous Park Plaza Hotel (remember) that big lobby in Steve Perry's horrid video for "Oh Sherry"?-that's the joint.) In the seedy splendor of the hotel's grand ballroom, Sit and Spin party promoters Jeffrey Hilbert and Richard Glatzer threw together an opening soiree' that ranged from the hot and sticky, to the down right dull. The promised headliners, Hole and Glue were both no shows (seems that grungy Nirvana lead Kurt Cobain took a break from buttfucking and got Hole fronter Courtney Love pregnant) leaving the less than spectacular debut of a new Queer band. who's name escapes me, as the main musical entertainment. The night was saved by Elvis Herselvis, San Francisco's Dyke answer to the King, and by the excellent dance grooves of the Club Fuck go-go dancers. We especially enjoyed the dyke who strapped on a big one and socked it to the hole of an unsuspecting go-go boy.

Saturdays event, a zine festival free-forall at L.A.C.E., featured tables set up for zines ranging from the 'zine mainstays, J.D.'s, Fertile LaToya Jackson, and Bimbox, to new comers like the fab Su Madre, and yours truly, Queer Fuckers Magazine. The crowd was a parade of Queer Eccentricity, Flesh, and enough head shaving to rival the Days-o-47.





F WELF! Saturday night's Spew events fared only slightly better than Fridays. Cholita, the band known far and wide as the female Menudo, fronted by the gargantuan drag blacktress Vaginal Creme Davis was the Highlight of what we saw of the evening's entertainment. DeAundra Peek, a white trash drag nightmare hailing from the public access airwaves of Atlanta, M.C. ed the nights events and it was her "so bad she's good" covers of Temptations hits that sent me scurrying off to a bathroom break. I made it back in time to catch Tribe 8, a hardcore Lesberado band who played well enough, but then again I'm not the world's biggest hardcore fan and the promise of gazing into the eyes of Jock Van Maybelline (of Su Madre) drew me onto the patio until we left.

Sunday's offering was a Queer Film festival of films from the 'zine scene. If you enjoy industrial buildings and burning underwear, then the first half of the program would have been to your liking. After a break, Bruce La Bruce's (No Skin Off My Ass, J.D.'s) film Boy/Girlwas screened. There were actually about four minutes of interesting work here. Mary Tyler Moore's big 60's hair in tact was lifted from some 60's flick, and forced, through creative editing, to interact with a menacing peeper played by J.D.'s cohort G.B. Jones. The rest of the film was, sad to say, quite dull. Even a brief street blow job scene came off about as exciting as a hostess twinky. Hardcore Home Movie and Shred of Sex by Greta Snider wrapped up the show. Hardcore was screened at the Sundance Festival this year and was hardly what I'd call Queer Cinema; in fact, aside from an apology for the Homophobia of the participants, the film demonstrated little Queer appeal. (simply presenting punkers and Homphobes is no big surprise to me.)

Shred of Sex was a little more interesting, but really was another exploration of the sexuality of Hetero teens. Other than a brief, 30 second long male/male, female/female kissing scene, the film was not what would have been viewed as particularly Queer to an outside observer. I thought that Queer Cinema was supposed to be about presenting Queer stories, not Queer directors giving more breeders time to fuck on screen (golly gee we just don't have enough of that on film.) The film was interesting as far as it's self effacing approach, and what it said about teen sex and industry pom, but I could have seen film like this anywhere. Yeah I know Dennis Cooper, trying to justify Hole's scheduled appearance, said that Queer had to include everyone. Call me selfish, but I think that Queer is our word, not something that can be colonized by





The final hurrah for Spew II was a major spew-fest hosted by the dreamy Jock Van Maybelline and his cohort in zinedom Kitty Leukemia. The party, held in a partially abandoned downtown building (very Blade Runner with busted out windows and lots of rain) never got off the ground. After a brief performance by our hosts, the infamous night stick wielding L.A. Police Department made a raid on the place and broke up our party. Oh well, it gave us an excuse to check out Club Fuck! VIC ST BLAIZE AND JOCK VAN MAYBELL CURTIS YORK AND ROB DANIELS

## ZINES YOU MUST READ

Here is a grossly incomplete refliew of several Zines available for your reasonal objection. Many can be found at the Rhino Nest or Write to the Zine.

The Adventures of Baby Dyke Zine dedicated to the comic strip The Adventures of Baby Dyke. Available at the Rhino Nest. Send \$2.00 to Baby Dyke Comics, 4311 Crestheights Road, Baltimore, MD 21215

Agony edited by B. Boofy of Milwaukee Wisconsin (the city where Laverne and Shirley lived.) Agony is entertaining and available to Sall Lake readers at the Rhino Nest. Issue #2, a vast improvement over #1 (most are) offers such treats as tips for making use of obsolete bathroom appliances as sex toys, a piece by David Wojnarowicz (the artist responsible for the Buffalo on U2's one video and single cover) and interview with drag giantess Vaginal Creme Davis and my favorite part is a revisionist history of the Brady Bunch. wherein Marcia gets it on with those stuck up boosters from Westdale High and seduces Molly the subject of her hostess night make over. Send \$3.00 to Agony c/o B. Booly, 1805 E. Layleyette Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Bed Pan Journal This little zine comes complete with piss stains. Stories guaranteed to turn your stomach, like "Remembrance of things Passed" and "Lurned Piss Pig." Not for the weak at heart and unfortunately there was no address to send for future issues. Sorry.

Brat Attack A Dkye zine dedicated mostly to S/M. Very cool comic strips and wild and exciting fiction \$4.00 for one or \$10.00 for 3 issues to Brat Attack PO 40754, SF, CA, 94141-0754



Carrie I somehow ended up with issue one, which came out last summer, but this cool pink zine bedecked with the face of Larry Tate of Bewitched is one of the funniest things I've ever read. Edited by Kent Fuher, who's alter ego is a tres withy drag diva named Jackie. Carrie includes such queer classics as Yes I am Blind -a straight dude's view of a Morrissey Concert and a complete list of hopeful summer sequels' like Poseidon 91' and Party on Planet of the Apes. \$2.001o Monster Ego Productions, 1981 Whitley Ave. Hollywood. CA

# CARRIE

The Magazine
That Can Move Things.



"THE TATE MURDERS"

Cultrix Lesbian erotica with a slick glossy cover Some of the best photography I've yet seen in a zine with interesting fiction and a great interview with the dyke thrasher punk band Tribe 8 Also dyke club Reviews for dykes in SF \$5.00 to Cultrix, 2400 Market St. Suite 28, SF, CA 94114.



Cunt Edited by zine guru Rachel Pepper from Different Light SF. Cunt and it's flip side alter ego Prick have the kind of graphic found/appropriate art feel I look for in a zine. Section on Dyke Photographers and Dyke Clubs in Cunt. Prick features an interview with Sophia Lamar and a homo punk love affair gone wrong. \$6.00 to Queer City Prod. c/o Different Light, 489 Castro, SF, CA, 94114, State you are over 18.

to seduce/get in the pants of other teen queer boys at their junior high or high school. \$3.00 to Fagazine Press, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd, W. Hollywood, CA 90046

Girl Jock This fun filled Dyke zine is cram packed with comics and other fun stuff for Dykes. Articles on how to Eat your way to Muscle, Alaskan women's hocky secrets revealed and much more. Available at the Rhino Nest \$2.95 to Girl Jock, PO 2533, Berkeley, CA 94702-0533



Holy Titclamps. Zine dedicated to some very fine fiction and some music reviews plus a very (almost) complete zine listing. Issue 9 features a very clever rewrite of Maurice called Morris, a parusal of old sexual trysts from a diary, and a review of the Nancy Sinatras. \$2 00 to Larry Bob, PO Box 3054 Mpls, MN 55403

infected Faggot Perspectives Views and political ruminations from the world of AIDS and HiV Short on graphics, long on type faced copy. \$2.00 to Infected Faggot Perspective, PO Box26246, LA, CA 90026

Intent to Kill Striking zine filled with crime tales and literary schizophrenia. Very interesting fiction. Cool graphics. Price unknown. Brian Baltin, 2035 N. Rodney Dr. #4, LA, CA 90027

I.Q. The sex zine for girls that wear glasses. Is exactly that. Zines are there to find voice for small marginalized segments of Queerdom and this is probably the most unique. Damn near everything in it mentions glasses. Not stapled so it kept falling apart. No price Dr. Kate, c/o IQ, PO 626 Gardena, CA 90248

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Jane and Frankies Joy to Sex I love this zine, though issue #1 was far more interesting. edited by Klaus Von Brucker (the skinhead hunk-o-matic from No skin off my ass) and Jena Von Brucker Issue #2 has much about how to be the major slut/ tease boy about town, and, just what the world didn't need, more glorification of fellow Toronto-ites and zine editors extrodinaire Bruce La Bruce and G.B. Jones. \$3.00 to Jane and Frankie's PO 55 SIn E. Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M6H 4E1

PC Casualties Has possibly the most frightening and disturbed cover photo of the year - I love it! Interview with the Buzzcocks and very cool graphics. Detroit rave techno. \$2.00 to PC Casualties, PO 7505, Ann Arbor, MI 48107.



Piss Elegant From the editors of Homoture (which I misplaced before reading so no review.) Beautiful photography and fine writing. \$2.00 or 1 year for \$8.00 to Piss Elegant PO 191781, SF, CA, 94119-1781

Pussy Grazer When I saw the gaping maw of bitch of the airwaves, Shella Walsh, of the 700 club, staring blankly out from the cover! knew I had a winner in my hands. Very radical Queer stuff with substance here. Coverage of a queer Santa AIDS demonstration. Madonna sex stories. (Matt would be oh so jealous) and interviews with Chris Teen and (say il ain't so) Bruce La Bruce. No listed Price. Pussy Grazer, c/o sexual orgasm pro., PO 20553 Tompkins Sq. Station, NY, NY 10009



Reality Check A very well done zine targeting PWA's and HIV+'s. Fine writing and poetry plus much self affirming content. Includes a pull out post card to send to friend and allies. No price listed. Reality Check PO 22783, Santa Fe, NM.

Riot Gear 9-10 pages of letters to editor. Punk scene zine. The shocking truth about government pom censorship and the Tribe 8 article among much much more \$3.00 to Riol Gear, PO 190176, SF, CA, 94119-0176.

STH resurrected Straight to Hell child Stories of true sex ala first hand. With scary 70's nudes. \$3,00 to S.T.H. PO 20424 NY, NY 10023

Shrimp debut issue of foot fetish toe licking zine from drag sensation Vaginal Creme Davis Sexy protest boys! and true tales of shrimping the famous feet of such luminaries as Kurt Cobain of Nirvana (they must have been mightly grungly) also Fertile LayToyah Jackson (which I managed to miss unfortunately) \$5.00 to 7850 Sunset Blvd. #110, LA, CA 90046



Sin Bros Big Bold Beautiful. Features on the winner of the win a date with Carny (of Wilson Phillips) contest and some borderline Magazine Quality Graphics. Looks like a step child of Interview at times (this is good) available at Rhino Nest or \$4.00 to W.K. PO 618. Hollywood, CA.



Su Madre Edited by dream boat Jock Van Maybelline and Kitty Luekemia don't let the Jeffrey Dahmer cover scare you away. Very cool zine with such favs as Kristy McNichol letters, Public Transit adventures. \$3.00 or 3 issues for \$8.00 to Su Madre, 725 South Spring St. Space #4, LA, CA, 90014

Swish (J.D.'s #8) Bruce La Bruce's zine personally over egoed but this zine is my absite favorite! with G.B. Jones J.D's is almost institution god how scary. True zine-orgraphics with entertaining tales of sex, sin skins in Toronto. A lot of No Skin Off My Assemeter Berlin interview. \$5.00 to J.D.'s PO Adelaide St Station, Toronto, Ontario, Can MSC 2K5



Thing almost more of a magazine than a zinchas a Diana Ross full page ad in it...eeek) Africamerican zine with Lypsinka and Bill Colerinterviews. Tutu hunk fashion layout. \$3.00 Thing Publishing, 2151 W. Division, Chicago



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John Beynon

Techno has finally found its way to Zion. Bom in Detroit, techno music and the groovy clubs (raves) it inspired found its way to nearly every comer of the globe before we Salt Lakers got to enjoy the alternative twist on sex, drugs and rock and roll. In February, Queers were delighted to find themselves dancing alongside very cool, or at least very oblivious, hets to techno and industrial sounds under lasers, lights and psychedelic slide shows

Raves tend to occur in abandoned buildings or in clubs that specialize in alternative. cutting edge dance music. Those dancing often don Harley paraphernalia, neo-punk attire and plenty o' jewelry, but the rave dress code is loose and constantly evolving.

Techno music is similar to house, but is almost utterly voice-free, with a bass that rattles the teeth and a beat that could outrun a train. Industrial is a direct descendent of disco but it creates an aural ambience reminiscent of an assembly line at General Motors. Drugs are also linked quote closely to the rave scene-some consider them absolutely essential-the most popular variants being X (ecstasy, often accompanied by nasal sprays and Vicks vapor rub to enhance the high), and acid (LSD).

On leap-year-day this year those of us who weren't participating in the L.A. zine culture were happy to find ourselves dancing nearly naked with our pals at the soon to open Boy Club in the Exchange Place next to the old Detour. Although the faces weren't necessarily new, some of these boys' baskets were. Boys were found in every kind of undergear ranging from thermals to g-strings. A fairly large dance floor surrounded by mirrors and illuminated with strobes and other assorted lights was the site of some beautiful sweating bodies bumping against one another. One room was equipped with couches, love seats and other seductive furnishings to encourage mutual inspecting and fondling. The highlight of the evening was a shower show at midnight. Dancing in a t-shirt and briefs, a happy exhibitionist began to bounce and flounce for us while allowing his briefs to become oh-so-water-logged. Soon other boys were keeping squeaky clean with him. Our own SCOTT SPIERS jumped into the shower tossing all caution and underwear to the wind and began to service every soul in the shower. Soon everyone in the joint was setting up tents in the groin area and we all had a splendid time. Boy Club will be opening soon and all you boys are invited to bump and grind each other on Sundays at the same







by jared brown

The Saga Continues

"Hello?"

"Hi, Buffy, its Mother, how are you dear?"

"Fine, how are you?"

"Oh, I can't complain."

That couldn't be further from the truth Buffy thought. She knew that less than two minutes into the call, her mother would expound on everyone else's problems and how they all traumatically affected her own sanity and well-being.

"How's your new apartment, hon?"

"Its a house, Mother, and its fine."

I don't know, it still scares me to think of you all by yourself living downtown. You don't know what a young man is going to do nowadays when he takes you home. I hope you don't put yourself in positions you can't talk yourself out of, because that would be just awful for me to wake up to the phone ringing at three o'clock in the moming, and some policeman telling me that my daughter was found stabbed..."

"Mother you really don't have to worry about that happening to me."

Buffly was beginning to regret turning her answering machine off.

"Oh, really, and why's that? Has my little girl found herself a young beau?" The line was silent. "Well?"

"No." You don't have to worry about that happening to me either, thought Buffy.

"Why not?" The inquisition was underway.

"Can't we talk about something else? I really don't want to get into this again, Mother." Buffy stood and began to pace, knowing that once her mother started, she wouldn't be stopped.

"Well, dear, honestly, you're not getting any younger. You ought to... you need to get out more."

"My social life is fine, I see people all the time."

"What kind of people? huh?" The conversation kept turning into more of an interrogation with every word. Her mother obviously hadn't just called to chat. This part of the conversation usually didn't occur until about three-fourths of the way through, right after she told Buffy about all the women getting married that Buffy went to school with. She never pried first, never. Margaret Eleanor Van Patten was up to something—up to no good, thought Buffy.

"Nice people," Buffy answered impatiently.

"Is it so wrong for a mother toward her precious daughter to be in love?"
Is it? If not a nice young man, maybe someone else?"

Buffy froze wondering if her mother was using her non-gender specific pronouns the same way Buffy was. Her mother lacked any sort of subtlety, but still, Buffy knew her mother's curiosity about her social life was becoming more than sufficient to kill acat, perhaps an entire litter. Buffy knew the hour of truth was coming

tomorrow, when your father and I come byto visityour lovely new apart... hou... home."

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Buffy had just barely moved in the previous weekend. She didn't think she could bare to have her parents invade her new abode so soon, and she knew she couldn't deal with an encore to this conversation.

"Mother, I'd really rather you come in a couple of weeks...you know, when I can get the hiouse cleaned up."

"But maybe I can help you with some decorating ideas. You know what a lovely job I've done all these years here." Buffy suddenly had visions of avocado green sculptured carpet. "Besides I've decided that this weekend we are going to finally sit down and talk, that's part of the reason I'm cailing. We just can't seem to talk over the phone. You've been avoiding your father and I for quite sometime now, and I think I know why. Its high time we sat down as a family and talked about your...our problem." Margo's voice began to hone an edge.

Deacon couldn't believe he had finally agreed to dinner with Stuart and Basil. Now that they were lovers, Deacon hadn't been able to go a weekend without seeing them together, being sentimental and entirely, too cute. They'd always make sure to remind him that they needed to get together. Basil had even gone so far as to suggest some potential blind dates for Deacon. Deacon declined them all, thinking he'd be better off alone than with anyone Basil could find. He also assumed that if it was only the three of them, the scene would be too uncomfortable for all of them, and Stuart and Basil would end the experience. Deacon had no idea how understated his assumption would turn out to be.

He went into the shower, starting with the hot water then turning gradually to the cold. It had been a couple of weeks since his last sexually gratifying experience, and he predicted tonight would only add to the frustration. He toweled off and looked at his naked body in the mirror. Not bad—not good, either, but not entirely bad. He wished his chest was a little larger and his hips a little narrower, but other than that he decided he was stunning. Now, if only he could fuck himself, he'd stay home and have a wonderful time.

He turned on the radio to X96. He began to dress to Utah Saints'
"What Can You Do For Me." He chose his clothes carefully not wanting to be too
radical or too conservative. He decided on a plain black T-shirt, Levi's, a wide black
belt, white socks, and his Doc Martins. He feared looking a little too much like one
of the angst-ridden youths from Bandaloops coffee house, but he knew that a girl's
couldn't go wrong with basic black.

He sprayed on cologne, Bersace, and then wondered why. He a certainty wasn't trying to impress anyone. He had all but nearly given up on Stuart. In He was most certainty contaminated after being with Basil for nearly seven months. Even if Basil were to break everything off tonight, Deacon wouldn't know where to begin with Stuart.

He'd barely kept his composure at the New Year's Eve party. He'd left soon after Stuart revealed the tragic news of his ongoing tryst with Basil. Buffy was already out the door having, for the first time ever, left Anastasia speechless. They'd gone to The Other Place, a Greek diner, to escape, to bitch and to have some souviaki. Deacon now wondered how her new house was after he had helped her move in last weekend. He'd wait until tomorrow to call her so he could get some sort of therapy after this evening.

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He finished watching "The Wheel of Fortune" and wondered what really was the source behind the Pat Sajak movement a couple of years ago. He began to feel his nerves-perhaps Mexican food wasn't the best choice for this evening's dining. He

After finishing with his hair, he sat on the couch and turned on the TV.

went to the bathroom for the first of many trips he would make there in the next halfhour. He always had to pee incessantly whenever he was nervous, and he knew that gastric distress was soon to follow. He put in the latest Lisa Stansfield CD to finish out the waiting.

The doorbell rang and the sweat in Deacon's palms increased. This was a really, really stupid idea. He hated the thought of spending the evening pretending to be less interested in Stuart and pretending to be more interested in Basil, Basil and Deacon had never gotten along, and he hardly thought that Stuart

would be any kind of catalyst this evening. "Hi, are you ready?" Stuart asked as Deacon opened the door.

"Not yet, come in for a minute while I find my keys."

Stuart came in almost shyly and sat down on a kitchen stool. For a moment Deacon deja vue'd their first, last and only date together. It was similar to the present scene, except tonight Deacon knew that Basil would be waiting for them out in the car.

"Let's go." said Deacon after finding his keys under a stack of mail on his bed.

"You look really nice tonight," offered Stuart.

God, I wish you wouldn't do that. You can't lead me on like this when knowyour lover is out in the car. I can not deal with any dick-teasing tonight. Deacon once again realized what a really, really, really stupid idea this was.

Deacon locked the door behind them, and they headed for Basil's car.

"HI Deecon, you're looking very morbid this evening."

Deacon wanted to tell Basil to fuck himself, but he held back and decided to play nice, at least until they got to the restaurant.

"God, I'm only kiddin'. You look fine."

Unfortunately, Basil realized that too.

"Gee, thanks Basil, you're looking swell, too." Deacon tried but failed to keep the sarcasm from his voice, although Basil was looking particularly smashing this evening. As much as Deacon had grown to detest Basil, especially over the past six months, he had to admit that he was a beautiful specimen.

Stuart spoke-perhaps sensing danger if Basil and Deacon were left to each other, "La Frontera still sound OK with everybody?"

They agreed. Basil made a U-turn from Deacon's apartment, the Bel-Aire, and headed west.

The blood drained from Buffy's face and she had to find a chair before she collapsed from panic. She couldn't believe her mother was being this direct. She did want to come out to her parents soon, but she felt a tad uncomfortable having her mother set up a time to do it. She could barely grunt an "uh-huh."

"So which is best for you-morning or afternoon?" No answer. "Are you there, hon?"

"Um, afternoon would be...best." Buffy's mind raced frantically wondering how detailed she'd have to get to take her own death and wondering it

"Fine, dear, we'll see you around noon, and don't worry we'll take care of what we need to and change what we have to. We'll do what it takes to help you get over this," she said assuredly, "Bye-bye babe."

The phone clicked and the dial tone returned, Buffy only stared at the Monet print she'd just purchased. "Help you get over this," what was her mother planning on doing? And her father, how much was he a part of all this.

Buffy finally hung up the phone and stood up again. This was it. This was what Buffy had dreaded and prayed for and now she had no choice. Buffy tried to calm herself down so she could think about what to say to her parents. She poured a bath to let Calgon take her away, however, with her mind still frantic, she felt more like a passenger from the "Poseidon Adventure."

La Frontera was as crowded as it would have been on any weekend night. After getting a drink from the bar, the three sat down-Deacon facing the lovely couple. After the waiter had taken their order, Deacon stared at the others in the restaurant fearing that if he looked vaguely in the direction of Stuart and Basil that a conversation would ensue. Meanwhile, Basil and Stuart told each other of their day's experience, almost more out of habit than of interest.

Finally, Basil acknowledged Deacon, "You're not saving much tonight. Usually its impossible to get you off of your scapbox."

Deacon felt a hot rush coming to his head and turned up toward Basil ready to bite back. Deacon wasn't going to let tonight turn into a radical politic's bashing. He stopped abruptly, though, when we saw the expression on Basil's face-instead of the mockery or condescension which he usually sported, Basil looked endearing. Maybe Stuart had affected Basil more than Deacon had previously thought.

Dinner came and Deacon soon came to regret ordering the large combination plate. His second margarita was already making him feel slightly nauseous, and he realized there was no way he was going to finish his order. The conversation continued to be light until Basil excused himself to go to restroom.

"Well, you two seem to be getting along better than usual," Stuart started

'Tim surprised myself. I just have never gotten along with Basil, I can't see how people can tolerate his pettiness sometimes." Deacon paused realizing he had saed.

"I don't think that's and option. I want us to remain friends, but I just don't see us being lovers anymore. Whatever happens, I know I just want to take a long break from the relationship scene." Stuart finished just as Basil arrived at the table

So maybe sex wasn't close; although, Stuart had said relationship, and Deacon had been doing tricks for long enough to know that sheer sex was a far cry from a real relationship. Basil's personality seemed to be somewhat attractive now

"Sometimes, I wish I could feel more than just that friendship though." At that Deacon's attention to the other patrons ceased, and he started to listen more intently to what Stuart was saying.

"I just don't think we can go on much longer being as pessionless as we've become."

beginning to like you. He actually has said that he admires your courage as far as skipped back to the prior convensation. Stuart realized he was saying too much and I really do think, though, that Basil's

being out You're kidding. This from Mr. politically active "Well he didn't say those Stuart? exact words, but he really is more accepting Assimilationist 1991. What have you

than you give him credit for being Possibly, but I'm really not concerned about his

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cry from a real relationship. Basil's personality seemed to be somewhat attractive the table and Deacon had been doing tricks for long enough to know that sheer sex was a far Stuart had worked all day. Deacon and Basil kept up the conversation back to the their meals found less to resent him for and the conversation became more lively as they finished now that Deacon was aware of his potential loss as a competitor for Stuart. Deacon So maybe sex ween't close; although, Stuart had said relationship. They left the restaurant and decided to make it an early evening since

disinherited if she didn't comply with her parents wishes to change. Not that the

was much to inherit, but her parents liked to imagine that they were an influenti

condescending with every word. Stuart sat relatively silent, brooding over how to Bel-Aire. He never imagined that he'd have Basil laughing his relationship with Basil, thought Descon with him and not

in the morning. entrance-way wondering what to think of the night. He decided he'd process it all road in front of the Bel-Aire. Deacon walked back through the countyard to his They said their goodbyes as Basil dropped Descon at the side of the He had just finished brushing his teeth and was heading for bed when

end up we're bres door, not being surprised by his guest. ing up, and I did want to spend a little more time with you tonight." when the evening started." I hope you don't mind me coming back here. You already know that "I'm glad you came back. Although, I have to admit, I didn't think we'd

he heard a knock at his door. He turned on the light in the hallway and opened the

at first engaging in meaningless chit-chat. Deacon finally leaned in and kissed himthen with more aggression Basil reached behind his back and pushed the spartment door shut They stopped talking, knowing that neither wanted to stay up all night

parents were certainly not so naive as to not know the origins and audience of that them with her lifestyle. She hid her copy of the Dyke Review and an old issue of QFM. fully intended on telling her parents, she didn't think it was necessary to confront house and make sure that she left no trace of her secret life around. Although she removed the Womyn's Community News Letter from her coffee table —her Sunday morning came too quickly for Buffy. She still had to clean the even debated as to whether she should leave this month's edition

Buffy had no sort of contact with the outside world

from that thought alone They made plans to meet later, although, she really needed to see him now thoughts of dread. She needed to talk to him desperately, but he was hung over realized she was going to At half past seven Buffy called Descon, have to do this on her own. She became being unable to stand he

A half an hour later in the midst of doing the dishes, Buffy began to fe

wondered why she had allowed herself to get away with such narrow thinking -

guilty about hiding her 'lifestyle'.

That term had always grated on

her and sh

that she could be an assertive individual. Yet, she wondered if she would b girl —a year ago maybe, but not now. Her confrontation with Anastasia had show her being a Lesbian, but she was not about to let her continue to treat her like a litt her parents that she was proud of who she was and not to be worned about the become too curious and start flipping through them. This was a time for Buffy to sho magazines and newsletters back out on the coffee table hoping her parents wouldn all, this was her life not her lifestyle. She finished the dishes and began to place th approval Buffy still had no idea what her mother was planning on doing about

She certainly didn't want to give her mother the satisfaction of thinking she knew her mother could start the games that had taken place over the phone the other da coming afternoon. She had decided that she would be the first one to say it, be family. She looked forward to tomorrow after everything was out, but not to their ZCMI card family in the Salt Lake community. After all they did have a very high credit limit of would certainly be worth it even if he wasn't in the best of spirits smugness growing up when her mother discovered some secret incident that But more than she was supposed to, or thought to. Buffy had always hated that kind o around to help her through this, maybe she'd drop by before her parents was trying to hide and that would get her in a lot of trouble. She wished Deacon w She was growing tired of keeping up the appearance around he

next to him finished getting fucked by the same man -He could smell Basil next to him and he breathed in deeply asleep on his arm. Deacon found it impossible to fall into si He decided he couldn't tell anyone about this. Not Buffy, and and enjoying it, immensely

evening. He had started it by being indignant and rude to Basil, and now he

Deacon stared up at the ceiling still trying to

make scene

though, and Deacon wondered what would happen if Basil and he actually it would. The sex was fantastic, and he could now understand at least one not Stuart. He wondered if it would happen again and then found himself why Stuart had stayed with Basil for more than half a year. Sex took place in sile

trust Besil, he'd known him far too long for that. And what about Stuart. Maybe have a real conversation. Tonight had been fine, but Deacon knew better that just pretend that this hadn't happened, but he didn't know if Basil would allow gently. Despite his erection, Deacon closed his eyes and tried to si fell to the bed. The phone rang at 7:30 the next morning. Deacon sat up quick Basil turned over in bed and placed his arm over Deacon's of No one called him this no one with any

respect or compassion. He answered the phone on his night table. It was Buffy. "Oh, how enterprising of you." Margo was still paying more attention "Why in the hell are you calling me this early?" He said slowly, still to the furniture than to the conversation. not awake "How are you Deddy?" "Deacon, my parents are coming over in a couple of hours and they "Fine, but I'd be a lot better if your mother would sit down so we could know. They know all about me." said Buffy. net this over and done with. I'm uncomfortable as it is." Thank God, now they have someone to will their grand estate to. If he was uncomfortable, how did he think she was feeling? She was What are you talking about?" about to throw the closet door wide open and defend herself no matter what the "About being a Lesbian. They know and they're coming over to talk consequences. Her security was here waiting to withdraw. to me about it at noon." Margo started to pick up the copy of Life on the table. "Mother! Please! "Shitt" Can we just start talking. I can give you a grand tour of the place afterwards." Buffy "No Shit" could feel the pace of her breathing increase. Basil began to stir. Not wanting to wake him and not wanting Buffy "I'm sorry, this isn't easy for me, you know." to know who he was in bed with, Deacon decided he should end the phone "Me either." Buffy tried to calm herself down. conversation as soon as possible. "Buffy, can I call you back -when I wake up?" "Wall I don't know how to say this to you. You've always been our little girl, and we don't want to see you hurt. Your Father and I can't apologize enough he asked. Well, maybe I can come over, I just need to talk to someone to figure for doing this to you." out what I'm going to say." "Mother, look, you didn't do this to me. This just happens—its nothing "I don't think that would be a good idea." you or anyone can change." "Why?" Deacon didn't answer. "Is there somebody there with you?" "But, we want what's best for you and seeing you go through this is "No," he lied, "I have a .. hangover.. and I don't think I would be that almost unbearable. Don't you think your father and I can see how miserable this is great to talk to. Why don't you call me afterwards and we'll go to lunch or making you?" Margo guestioned. something." "I'm not miserable," responded Buffy, "Well, OK, hope you feel better." "You are honey, even if you can't see it, we can, and its all because "If be fine, good-bye." Deacon hung up, hating himself for lying to WOU .\* Buff. This was a major event for her and he wished he could be there for her, but "No, Mom," Buffy stopper her, "let me say it. I want to say it, and I he had problems of his own -Basil would be waking up soon, and Deacon was going went you to know that I'm happy and proud. I want you to know that this is what I to have to converse with him. want and I'm sorry if you don't, but -well, you're just going to have to get over it." A half an hour later the doorbell buzzed. Buffy, thought Deacon. Margo's face took on a look of puzziement. Buffy took a deep breath, Damn, what would he say to her when she saw Basil? Oh well, I suppose I really having already overcome her urge for tears. should be here for Buffy to talk to before she meets with her parents, Deacon thought. "Mom...Dad, I'm a Lesbian." Buffy felt briefly empowered. "What... Oh, yes, well, we've known that for a long time, hon. It's about At quarter to twelve. She finished tiding the living room as she saw her time you realized it, though," Margo paused, "But, that isn't what we came to talk perents pull up in her mother's yellow Lincoln Continental. She had begun to feel about. We came to see if we could help you deal with us." much better despite all the stress of the morning -- she had been proud that she had "What do you meen?" Now its was Buffy's turn to be puzzled. handled this on her own, but now Buffy felt a surge of anxiety rush over her, and she "Oh honey, isn't it obvious?" tossed an issue of Life over the other magazine's on the coffee table before she Obviously not to Buffy. opened the door to greet Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ross Van Patten. "Were going to get a divorce." "Well hi, hon. This looks very quaint, doesn't it, Ed?" Margo said as she walked down the sidewalk to the door. Ed grunted in agreement. Buffy could tell that he was going to be as talkative as ever. Buffy held the door as they walked into the house. Her mother stopped Basil was awake now from the buzzing and had set up putting his arms around half way in to look at the living room causing Buffy and her father to wait outside. Deacon, and kissing his neck. "Who's at the doo?" "I hope your not paying too much rent for this place." Margo said with "It's Buffy, here parents are coming over today and she really needs concern but not enough to mask her obvious disapproval of the state of the house. to talk to me. I hope you don't mind." Buffy ignored the comment. Deacon grabbed the comforter from atop the bed and went to the door. "Well, why don't we sit down and talk?" Buffy asked rhetorically. Basil put on Deacon's robe and stood in the doorway to the bedroom. The doorbell "I don't know if its that simple, hon." Margo said as she sat down on buzzed again. Deacon opened the door to great Buffy, but gasped in horror as he

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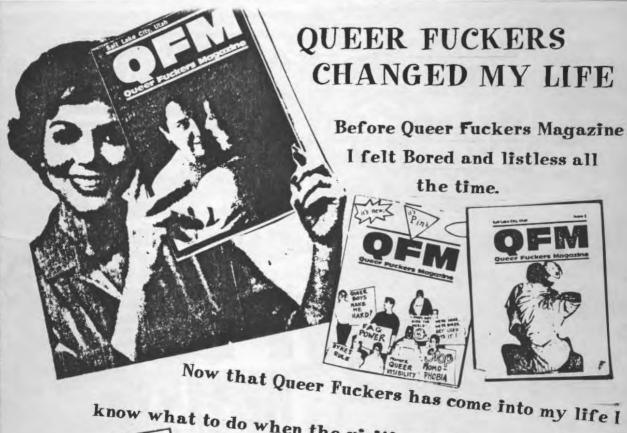


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